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25 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 25 May 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Irwin,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger,
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Proposed Statement by the AEC

Mr. McCone circulated a proposed news release to be made by the AEC, having to do with a scheduled detonation of 500 tons of high explosives. He pointed out that this is part of a series of similar blasts which are scheduled for the purpose of obtaining information on cratering effects, in connection with the Plowshare program.

The Board made a number of suggestions and revisions in the proposed statement. The Department of State was asked to make sure that this information was made available in advance to the U.S. delegation at Geneva.

Mr. McCone also asked several questions as to the handling of the statement made on May 7 concerned with the use of high explosives in connection with seismic experiments.

2. Eichmann Trial

The Board discussed the circumstances surrounding the capture of Adolf Eichmann by the Israelis and the latter's announced plans for trying him. Mr. Harr felt that the U.S. should use its influence to get the trial transferred to West Germany. The majority of the group felt that we should keep our hands off this affair. It was noted that the Israelis have been extremely secretive as to where and how Eichmann was apprehended.

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3. President's Trip to the USSR

Mr. Harr, supported by Mr. Gray, commented that thought should now be given to the possibility of reinstating the President's cancelled trip to the USSR. The rest of the Board was not particularly responsive to this suggestion.

4. Reconnaissance Satellites

The Board then discussed developments in the Midas and Samos programs and the future implications of them. Mr. Irwin expressed the opinion that the U. S. should be careful not to get into such a position that it would be denied the benefits of its own technical developments. At Mr. McCone's suggestion, Mr. Merchant was asked to have the record examined to see whether Khrushchev has in his public statements made any distinction between manned and unmanned vehicles.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles *awb/we*

Paragraph 2 of attached has been
revised in accordance with your instructions.

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